

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell comprising:

a fuel cell stack formed by stacking a plurality of cell blocks, at least two of the cell blocks having different gas pressure loss and/or water draining characteristics, each cell of the cell blocks having at least one separator including a plurality of grooves that form a gas passage of the separator and a plurality of ribs that are provided between the grooves, wherein a pitch between the ribs of one cell block is different from a pitch between the ribs of another cell block; and

a supply port through which gas is supplied to the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in one end portion of the fuel cell stack, and the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cell blocks such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a vicinity of the other end portion of the fuel cell stack,

wherein the fuel cell further comprises a discharge port through which gas is discharged from the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in the same end portion of the fuel cell stack as the supply port, and

wherein a cross-sectional area of a gas path in one cell block being disposed far away from the supply port is larger than that of the gas path in another cell block being disposed adjacent to the supply port.

2. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein each of the cell blocks being formed by stacking plural cells of the same characteristics.

3. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein one of the cell blocks is configured such that gas pressure loss in the cell block is smaller than gas pressure loss in another cell block.

4. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a vicinity of ~~[[an]]~~another end portion of the fuel cell stack.

5-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cells such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a portion in which a shortage of gas supply occurs.

8. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is formed such that a cross section of a gas path through which gas actually passes is large as compared with the other cell blocks.

9. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is formed such that a gas path through which gas actually passes is short as compared with the other cell blocks.

10. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the fuel cell stack is formed using at least one cell block that is water proof.

11. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 10, wherein the at least one cell block that is waterproof is formed on an end of the fuel stack.

12. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 10, wherein each cell of each of the cell blocks includes an electrolyte membrane formed from solid polymer material.

13. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 10, wherein the at least one cell

block that is waterproof is configured for high drainage performance.

14-20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A fuel cell comprising:

a fuel cell stack formed by stacking a plurality of cell blocks, at least two of the cell blocks having different gas pressure loss and/or water draining characteristics, each cell of the cell blocks having at least one separator including a plurality of grooves that form a gas passage of the separator and a plurality of ribs that are provided between the grooves, wherein a pitch between the ribs of one cell block is different from a pitch between the ribs of another cell block; and

a supply port through which gas is supplied to the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in one end portion of the fuel cell stack, and the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cell blocks such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a vicinity of the other end portion of the fuel cell stack,

wherein the fuel cell further comprises a discharge port through which gas is discharged from the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in the same end portion of the fuel cell stack as the supply port, and

wherein one cell block having a large cross-sectional area of a gas path is disposed only in the other end portion of the fuel cell stack far away from the supply port.